

Summer Playscheme Huge Success for Sensory Loss Children

It's back to school for sensory loss children in Leeds following coHearentVision's most successful summer Playscheme yet.

Over 50 children with a hearing or visual impairment took part in what was a hugely successful summer programme of events and entertainment hosted by leading Yorkshire-based charity coHearentVision.

Staff and volunteers at coHearentVision hosted the Playscheme throughout the summer holidays for youngsters aged five to 15 years, who enjoyed exciting trips to key tourist and educational centres throughout Yorkshire and beyond, including EUREKA, the Royal Armouries, Cadbury's World and Lightwater Valley.

Workshops with urban art company Suga Brown and Huddersfield charity Music and the Deaf also took place to encourage creativity, help youngsters develop new skills and build their confidence.

It also provided the chance for parents and carers to meet like-minded people and seek advice and support for coping with sensory loss.

Barbara Fraher, Youth Development Officer at coHearentVision, said: This summer's playscheme was a fantastic success and provided many families in the region who are living with sensory loss the chance to enjoy time together and get the support that they need.

All our initiatives at coHearentVision are about opening doors and increasing access to those with a sensory loss. The Playscheme was a great way of facilitating the process of social inclusion and breaking down the barriers to activities that are available to our children's hearing peers.

We are very grateful for all the donations from the public and businesses in the region, on which we rely heavily in these troubled times. Without these donations, we wouldn't be able to provide such a comprehensive and inclusive programme of entertainment and education for our very talented children.

To donate or find out more about coHearentVision's services, visit www.cohearentvision.org.uk or call 0113 243 8328.

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About coHearentVision:

coHearentVision provides a dynamic social and learning environment for people with sensory loss, offering practical solutions to encourage a better quality of life, including:

- " Braille and large print service
- " Audio description services
- " A deafblind unit to provide comprehensive support to deafblind people, their carers and families
- " Sign language interpreting service
- " A lively youth development service
- " Counselling and support
- " Symbolic Language Service for those with learning disabilities
- " Social facilities and activities

coHearentVision also delivers a range of accredited courses and qualifications to help people satisfy the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 & 2004, including:

- " Taster Course, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 in British Sign Language
- " Business training in Sensory Awareness, encompassing Blind Awareness, Deaf Awareness, Hard of Hearing Awareness and Deafblind Awareness skills.

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